

Claims

- [c1] 1. A method of automatic initiation for connecting a mobile phone to a conference call, the method comprising:
- in the mobile phone:
 - reviewing calendar event data stored in the mobile phone, the calendar event data containing conference call event data that includes a starting time for the conference call, a telephone number for the conference call, and a passcode authorizing connection to the conference call;
 - automatically producing an alert shortly before the starting time of the conference call;
 - displaying a prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call;
 - automatically dialing the telephone number for the conference call upon an affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call;
 - receiving a prompt for the passcode authorizing connection to the conference call;
 - obtaining the passcode from the conference call event data; and
 - automatically entering the passcode.

- [c2] 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call is in the form of a keypress on the mobile phone keypad.
- [c3] 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call is in the form of a keyword voice response that is recognized by the mobile phone in a voice activated mode.
- [c4] 4. A system for automatic initiation for connecting a mobile phone to a conference call, the system comprising:
in the mobile phone:
means for reviewing calendar event data stored in the mobile phone, the calendar event data containing conference call event data that includes a starting time for the conference call, a telephone number for the conference call, and a passcode authorizing connection to the conference call;
means for automatically producing an alert shortly before the starting time of the conference call;
means for displaying a prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call;
means for automatically dialing the telephone number for the conference call upon an affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference

call;

means for receiving a prompt for the passcode authorizing connection to the conference call;

means for obtaining the passcode from the conference call event data; and

means for automatically entering the passcode.

[c5] 5. The system of claim 4 wherein the affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call is in the form of a keypress on the mobile phone keypad.

[c6] 6. The system of claim 4 wherein the affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call is in the form of a keyword voice response that is recognized by the mobile phone in a voice activated mode.

[c7] 7. A computer program product for automatic initiation for connecting a mobile phone to a conference call, the computer program product comprising:
in the mobile phone:
computer program code for reviewing calendar event data stored in the mobile phone, the calendar event data containing conference call event data that includes a starting time for the conference call, a telephone number for the conference call, and a passcode authorizing con-

nection to the conference call;
computer program code for automatically producing an alert shortly before the starting time of the conference call;
computer program code for displaying a prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call;
computer program code for automatically dialing the telephone number for the conference call upon an affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call;
computer program code for identifying a received prompt for the passcode authorizing connection to the conference call;
computer program code for obtaining the passcode from the conference call event data; and
computer program code for automatically entering the passcode.

[c8] 8. The computer program product of claim 7 wherein the affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call is in the form of a key-press on the mobile phone keypad.

[c9] 9. The computer program product of claim 7 wherein the affirmative response to the prompt asking whether to connect to the conference call is in the form of a keyword voice response that is recognized by the mobile

phone in a voice activated mode.